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OUR WASHINGTON SPECIAL.

A Congressman tells a Startling Tale about Arthur's Tactics to Capture Blaine.

Tom Ochiltree on Morrison and Hewitt. Cox and Springer. Notes.

CHALMERS WILL BE SEATED.

Special to the Butler Times.

Washington, Jan. 5th, 1884.—"Do you know, sir, that an event occurred in this city on Christmas Day, the facts of which would make a splendid New Year's morsel for the people of the United States?"

The above interrogatory was addressed to me by a well-known Congressman who has a national reputation as the best informed politician in Washington, and the secret monotone in which the words were uttered indicated that startling information was in possession of this omnipotent honorable; hence, I endeavored to creep into his confidence, and sallied forth with the blandishments of astonishment and curiosity.

"Is it possible? Was it in the political arena?"

"Certainly; and a high-toned arena it was. You remember that President Arthur dined with Secretary Frelinghuysen Christmas night?"

"Yes, but there is nothing startling in that."

"Don't be impatient, young man. Of course the people know that Arthur dined with his Secretary of State, but they don't know that thereby hangs a tale. Not a half dozen people in Washington are cognizant of what happened in Frelinghuysen's private parlor that day. I will give you the facts if I may depend upon your honor that my name be not given as your informant."

"Mr. Blank, here's my honor. ('We shake.') May this tale be given to the thrusting public as positively reliable."

"If it ever comes to a denial, you may publicly call on me for the necessary substantiation."

"Very well; give us the tale."

"You may say that shortly after Arthur and Frelinghuysen had concluded their Christmas dinner a close carriage drove up before the Secretary's residence; from this carriage alighted James G. Blaine, who hastily disappeared into his successor's abode. It had all been prearranged, and they met there in conference for a purpose."

The Congressman stopped here, and tantalizingly began to puff at a cigar. Very seldom does a newspaperman lose control of a serene equanimity when information is being imparted to him, but this much of the Congressman's story excited my intense anxiety to know the balance, and I impetuously said:

"See here. Don't vex my inquisitiveness with that tobacco smoke. Why did Blaine condescend to call on Arthur and his Secretary?"

"You shall know young man, and I want the public to know for reasons that you may surmise. I am not a Blaine or an Arthur man, and want to see Arthur's plan nipped in the bud. It is a well known fact that Arthur, Blaine and Logan are now the leading candidates for the nomination at Chicago in 1884. You will remember it was reported that Blaine and Logan had agreed that their supporters in the convention should sing a joint chorus against Arthur. The President became alarmed at this alleged combination, and sent for Blaine. Blaine, not adverse to entering any new compact that will increase his chances for the ambition of his life, called on Arthur as I have said. Arthur, you know, is incited to make a formidable effort for the nomination, because three or four Eastern

States seem to prefer his candidacy. He is aware that Blaine will hold a large delegation, the largest possibly of any one candidate, and he made overtures to him that smack of the Republican rule of Napoleon in France."

A few more whiffs at his cigar, and the Congressman continued:

"Arthur intimated to Blaine that if the latter was not nominated on the first ballot, and the vote disclosed that Arthur's delegates numbered respectively with either Logan's or Blaine's, and the Logan delegation exceeded the latter's (in which case report says that Blaine is to throw his forces to Logan), then if Blaine would transfer his support to Arthur, thereby nominating him, Arthur would place at Blaine's disposal the Secretary of State, and the naming of a man for any other bureau in the Cabinet! Mr. Frelinghuysen endorsed this proposition by assuring Mr. Blaine that he was very willing to retire from the Cabinet at the end of this term, and hoped that such amicable relations could be established between Mr. Blaine and the President as would lead to the consummation of a mutual understanding."

"Did Blaine agree to the proposition?"

"No, sir. He rejected it, declaring that he is not a candidate for the nomination, but you and I know that Mr. Blaine wants to be President of the United States, and he has little confidence in Arthur's strength before the Convention. The matter is resting in that pose at present, but Arthur is not done with Mr. Blaine unless these facts are published to the people. Send them out, and if any one attempts to corner you, call on me."

After hearing this strange Christmas story, I found myself in such a dazed condition that it required some effort to look after the more common place news, but there are a few stray waifs of talk about Carlisle's committee's that will be of special interest just now, as tending to show what the outlook indicates in way of legislation. That great free trader, "Tom" Ochiltree, of Texas, often amuses me with his terse and original opinions of public matters, as we frequently meet at Willard's over the festive board, and given a half bottle of cognac, he becomes the most expert talker and thinker in Washington. I asked him the other day what he thought of the Ways and Means Committee. His reply summarizes about the actual truth of this important body of men. Said he:

"There is too much presidential timber in the committee. Bill Morrison and Abe Hewitt both want to be President, and there's no use of expecting any reform tariff from them, although they both believe in it. Neither one of 'em will imperil his chances for the nomination or election by opposing the business interests. They're both cowards. Morrison made a little fun of Randall's business interests, during the speakership fight, but he knows as well as anyone that the business interests have the money to run the campaign, and are ready to spend it to save themselves from free trade and tariff reform. Bill and Abe, and the Republicans make a majority of the committee, and that is the way they'll divide when it comes to a vote."

CHALMERS-MANNING.

I find upon inquiry among a majority of the Elections Committee that General Chalmers will be given his seat. Judge Lowry, of Indiana, one of the new Democratic members and who is on this Committee said to me:

"Don't quote me as saying so, but I have no doubt but that Chalmers will be given his seat instead

of Manning, from the second Mississippi district, and it will be given to him on the merits of the case. He will certainly get my vote."

COX AND SPRINGER.

It has been reported that Mr. Cox had telegraphed Mr. Carlisle his acceptance of the Naval Affairs Committee, but Cox's friends here deny it and say he will resign when Congress re-convenes. Mr. Springer of Illinois seems to be growing madder every minute and says he will not submit to this insult of his constituency and himself. He and Morrison are at loggerheads, as Springer claims that Morrison's dictation is the cause of the slight. Mr. Springer at the announcement of the Committee seemed disposed to show his chagrin, but his friends now urge him to resent this "infamous trick," as they call it. More will be heard from Mr. Springer.

NOTES.

The wife of General Rosecrans, who died Christmas morning, was for a long time a great invalid. The cause of her death was hemorrhage of the brain.

Senator Cameron, who is now in Paris, writes that he will not resume his seat in the Senate until Spring.

W. W. Corcoran, the philanthropist of this city, celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday on the 27th of December with a quiet family gathering. He is yet quiet hale and hearty.

The holidays in Washington were not very brilliant, the social entertainments being limited and private.

The lawyer, E. C. Ingersoll, who died here last week was not related to Col. Robt. Ingersoll.

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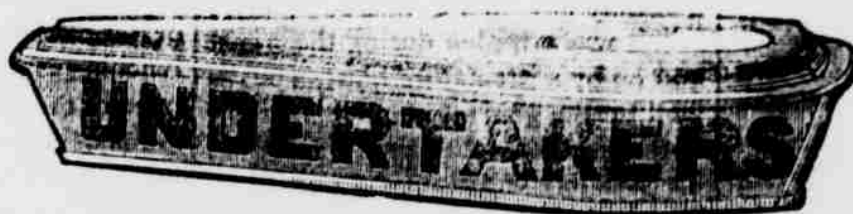
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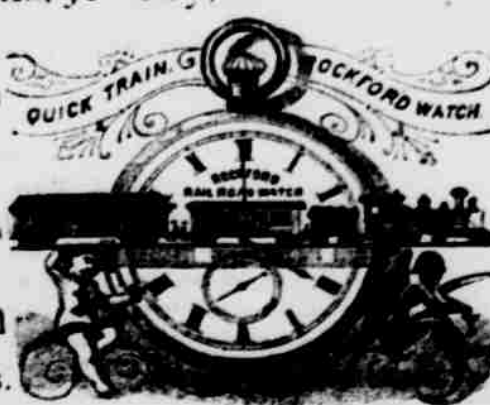
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